

SCATTERED LANDS PROJECT

Sandpoint Ranger District Idaho Panhandle National Forests

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Overview

The Scattered Lands project area is located within the Southwestern Bonner County Focal Area. This area includes a mix of National Forest System, state and private lands; many have high fuel loads adjacent to structures. The treatment areas are within the wildland-urban interface and fire regime groups II and III. It is a high priority to reduce the hazardous fuel loading that increase the risk for high-severity wildfires, especially adjacent to state and private lands.

The planning and implementation for this project will be accomplished using <u>shared stewardship</u>. The purpose of shared stewardship is for the Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Lands to work together to accomplish mutual goals, further common interests, and effectively respond to the increasing suite of challenges facing western landscapes. Of particular concern, are longer fire seasons the rising size and severity of wildfires; and the expanding risk to communities, natural resources, and firefighters.

The parcels considered for treatment total approximately 10,000 acres. During their initial field reviews, approximately 6,200 acres of treatment needs were identified to address insect, disease, and fuels concerns; we anticipate there will be openings created greater than 40 acres. Now, we would like input from adjacent landowners to further refine these treatment areas.

Project Vision

The purpose of this project on National Forest System lands is to decrease the quantity and modify the arrangement of hazardous forest fuels to reduce the current and future wildfire risk to people, private lands, and resource values. The specific objectives we would like to achieve with this project to meet this purpose are as follows:

- Decrease the quantity, and modify the arrangement, of hazardous forest fuels to reduce the current and future wildfire risk to people, private lands, and resource values;
- Reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation; and,
- Contribute to the local economy and forest products industry through timber production.

Project Area Ownership (acres)

Industrial timber	90 500
Private lands	
State of Idaho	24,800
National Forest	10,800
BLM	•
TOTAL	174,000
STRUCTURES	6,164

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Example of untreated stand

